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WE are glad to hear of the prospect of an early opening of the Orlando and Winter Park railway, and hope it may soon be extended to Oviedo and other points eastward. "The early bird catches the worm."

THE Oviedo *Chronicle* of last week reports shipments of 26,521 boxes of oranges from that point so far this season. The short railway from Oviedo to Solary's wharf, to connect with the St. Johns river steamers, is graded and partly tied, and will soon be in running order.

THE cold storm of last week culminated in a severe frost on Monday morning, with probably lighter ones both Sunday and Tuesday at points farther north. This with the colder weather ought to put an end to the yellow fever at all points. At Jacksonville it was practically ended before the storm came, but it still continued at South Jacksonville and at other neighboring places and at Gainesville. It is now openly charged, and there are reasons for the belief, that the scare at Enterprise and other points in Volusia county was got up by the local health authorities for their own personal benefit, in order that they might profit by the irresponsible handling of public funds for alleged sanitary necessities. However this may be, we hope that Jack Frost has put an end to the whole business.

THE *Manufacturers' Record* of Baltimore, advocates the formation of a "truckers' trust," for the purpose of uniting the interests of all growers of vegetables in the southern States, and securing them against the losses which the present unsystematic methods of handling and marketing their produce entail upon them. Our neighbor, the *Southern Sun*, thinks the term "trust" an unfortunate one, and suggests that the rose would smell very sweet under another name. The objects of the proposed organization are identical with those of the Florida Fruit Exchange, and perhaps a "truckers' exchange" would suit all parties, but it seems a pity to duplicate the machinery already existing in the Fruit Exchange, which would be equally applicable to the wants of the truckers, and which has no interests to serve which need conflict with theirs in any way. We think it would be wiser for all hands to join forces, and thus give power to one organization sufficient to enable it to secure what we want.

WE had not intended to say anything more about politics, but the misunderstanding of our position by some of our readers compels a word in explanation. They *rightly* supposed that LOCHMEDE was not intended to be a partisan paper, and *wrongly* interpreted our political remarks as simply partisan. We wish to say that what we have said was inspired by no such motive. We are simply, as a good citizen should be, determined to do all we can to favor an honest and free republican form of government, believing that it is the best in every way to meet the requirements of an intelligent and virtuous people, and to encourage the further development of intelligence and virtue in all classes of society, the feeling of responsibility for the making of laws, and the placing of good men in power to execute them, re-acting to produce a greater respect for the law in the citizen. We are fully alive to the mischief arising from the irresponsible use of the ballot by unworthy men, and would cheerfully unite with other good citizens, without regard to party, to secure such a *lawful* limitation of the right of suffrage as would exclude men whose intelligence was not sufficient to enable them to use their right for the good of the community, but, equally without regard to party, we shall consistently oppose all *unlawful* attempts of selfish men to secure their own hold upon place and power by such means as have been practiced by the democratic officials of this and other southern States.

The Maguey a Success.

Not long ago, we had an item saying that the maguey plantation of Mr. Pierce, who lives a few miles west of the city, had withered and died. The information came from Mr. Pierce himself, who now says that he was mistaken; that it was only the outside leaves which suffered such an untoward fate, and that the plants themselves are as thrifty as ever, and sending up an unusual number of young shoots. This is quite an important matter, as many persons are watching these experiments with the intention of engaging in the culture of fiber plants, should it prove successful here. Mr. Pierce wishes us to say that he has now no doubt of the success of his maguey plantation, and that he considers this great fiber plant especially adapted to this climate.—*Reporter.*

Self-Education.

One of the advantages of self-education lies in the fact that it permits a strong will to follow a personal taste. An explanation of the great success of what are often called self-made men may be found in their freedom to follow the path of most attractiveness. Many a mind is diverted by the father or mother, or by the dignity of a college course and faculty, from the channel for which nature fitted it, and thus a genius dies, not of neglect, but of too much attention. The good of a college consists partly in its being a world's exposition of mental wares. The student can see and taste all the kinds of fruit that grow on all the trees of knowledge.—*Rev. David Swing, in Chicago Journal.*

The *Medical Record* says: "Blue-lined writing-paper is almost universally manufactured in both this country and Europe. The school commissioners at Mainz have upon medical advice, decided that the blue lines are bad for the eyes, and ordered that all school writing-paper shall be ruled in black."

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WE are requested to make a correction in our account of the celebration last week. The name of the band should have been the Union Cornet Band, the two bands formerly existing having united under that name.

A LIGHT frost again this, Friday, morning, probably heavier farther north, scores another point against Yellow Jack. At this rate all quarantines ought to be off by Christmas, at latest, and everything should be open, and travel perfectly safe, before the time when any considerable tourist travel is usually looked for, which is not before the middle of January. It will, probably, by that time, be so evident that there is no further danger that nobody will have any fear about coming.

WE learn from persons who were on the the train that Rev. Mr. Missildine met with quite a serious accident last Tuesday. As the train was running into Orlando, at reduced speed, he attempted to jump off, but his coat caught and he fell, striking upon his head and one arm, both of which parts were badly bruised as he was dragged along by the train. He was taken up apparently insensible, but we have been unable to learn, at this writing, the result of subsequent examination, or whether he has yet recovered from his injuries. We trust they may have proved less serious than our informant's imperfect account led us to fear.

JOTTINGS.

Col. Paige leaves New York for Winter Park next Sunday night.

The shipments of oranges from this station are very large this fall, and for the past ten days from one to three cars have been loading on our side-track all the time.

We are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell will return to the Seminole this year.

Engineers Bourne and Rizy have been putting in some new steam coils in the hot water boiler at the Seminole.

Turkeys found a ready market the past week, and many of them tickled the palates of our citizens on Thanksgiving day.

Rumors have reached us of the lease of Mr. Lamay's house to one who will run it in good shape. We hope they are true.

Dr. Alden and family arrived last Saturday night, and are busy getting settled in their lovely cottage on Interlachen avenue.

Judge Mizell and Col. Eagan have both been on the sick list, but their friends will be glad to hear that they are both on the mend, and will be around soon.

Mr. Charles W. Ward is made happy by the return of his family from their summer's visit in Vermont. They came by steamer to Savannah, and had a very rough, and at times, dangerous voyage. We congratulate brother Ward.

Mr. J. H. Abbott returned from a visit east, on Monday, accompanied by his wife and daughter. During his visit he was successful in selling the bonds of the Orlando and Winter Park railway, purchasing all needed material, which is now on the way, and has brought home enough money to pay for putting the road in good running order at once. He now expects to have it running by January first.

Broader Fields.

While the female suffragists have received little encouragement except in few and far-between localities, the advocates of higher education and broader fields of labor for women have every reason to feel satisfied with their progress. The successful example of Harvard in the establishment of an annex, at which women students share equal advantages with the men students has led to the adoption of a similar plan of annex at Columbia College, New York city. With Oxford in England and Harvard and Columbia in America leading the way, there is reason to anticipate that all the higher colleges will in time allow young women to share their privileges on equal terms with young men.—*Post-Dispatch, St. Louis.*

Female Education.

Brilliant talents, graces of person, and a continual habit of displaying these advantages, is all that is aimed at in the education of girls. The virtues that make domestic life happy, the sober and useful qualities that make a moderate fortune and a retired situation comfortable, are never inculcated. One would be left to imagine, by the common modes of female education, that life consisted of one universal holiday, and that the only contest was, who shall be best enabled to excel in the sports and games that were to be celebrated on it.—*Religious Herald.*

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Pine-apples.

One day last week a representative of this paper had the pleasure of visiting the celebrated pine-apple plantation of Mrs. J. M. Wilson, near Wilcox, just north of this city. In addition to such famous varieties as the Trinidad and Smooth Cayenne, Mrs. Wilson is cultivating the Abbakachii, Crown Prince, White Pool, Wilson, and other new and excellent kinds quite rare here. Her plantation is a model of success in that line. She estimates that during the past year she has sold fully $1,000 worth of fruit and plants from less than one-fouth of an acre. Within the last three weeks she has disposed of over forty dollars worth. One of her neighbors, Mr. Beaman, is having a shed built preparatory to putting about half an acre in this very profitable fruit. Where one goes about pineapple culture in the judicious, practical style followed by Mrs. Wilson, it is sure to pay.—*Orlando Reporter.*

Effects of Tobacco on Boys.

In an experimental observation of thirty-eight boys, of all classes of society, and of average health, who had been using tobacco for periods ranging from two months to two years, twenty-seven showed severe injury to the constitution, and insufficient growth; thirty-two showed the existence of irregularity of the heart's action, disordered stomachs, cough, and a craving for alcohol; thirteen had intermittency of the pulse, and one had consumption. After they had abandoned the use of tobacco, within six months' time one-half were free from all their former symptoms, and the remainder had recovered by the end of the year. —*Science.*

The circulation of the Milan newspaper, *Il Secolo*, which is issuing each day a portion of a new translation of the Bible, has already reached 50,000. This strange and yet Christian bit of journalistic enterprise has been so remarkably successful that Ramon Molina, of Barcelona, has arranged for an edition in Spanish to be published in a similar manner. The Protestant missionaries in Italy and Spain may well congratulate themselves upon finding such unexpected allies.—*Christian Union.*

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